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We want to welcome you to Bureau County. While you are here you will find the "Simple Pleasures and Hidden Treasures" that make Bureau County a great place to visit and to live.

We hope you will stop and visit the many communities in Bureau County. Each one has something special to offer, from antique shops, to recreation sites, summer festivals, shopping and museums. Bureau County is located in North Central Illinois. Interstate 80 runs right through the middle of the county which makes it easy for visitors to get to all parts of the county. We are one hour north of Peoria, an hour east of the Quad Cities and 100 miles from downtown Chicago. As you travel down Interstate 80 watch for the four large American Flags of Freedom which are located right at exit 56 in Princeton which were placed to honor our veterans.

Bureau County is the home of many great restaurants – from Rip's famous fried chicken in Ladd to stick to your ribs home cooked meals, you can find it here. Just ask someone on the street and they will tell you their favorite place to eat. Our county specialty is fried chicken.

The Chestnut Street Inn is one of the nations' Top 25 bed and breakfast locations of 2017 from www.bedandbreakfast.com. It's right in the heart of Bureau County in Sheffield. The Chestnut Street Inn also won the best B&B Breakfast Award for 2017 for their Elvis inspired peanut butter French toast with Candied Bacon. They said "This Illinois Inn is for foodies, full stop. With locally sourced dishes abundant in Mediterranean and North African flavors and a butler's pantry overflowing with goodies, mealtime is the main event at Chestnut Street Inn. "The house and rooms are nothing less than perfection and drip with history, antiques and books."

Don't miss our many community festivals which are held throughout the year. Check out our Bureau County Tourism Facebook page or www.bureaucounty-il.com for weekly calendar updates.

The Hennepin Canal runs across Bureau County. Along its banks you will find areas for fishing, horseback riding, camping, canoeing and bicycling. On Oct. 6 & 7th a 100 mile ultra-marathon running race called the Hennepin 100 will travel along the banks of the canal with hundreds of competitors from all over the world.

One of the best things about visiting Bureau County is how reasonably priced your day of fun will be. Many of the festivals and events have free or very reasonably priced admission. There is something for everyone in the family to enjoy. Plan an overnight stay because you will want to come back again and again and experience the Simple Pleasures and Hidden Treasures that Bureau County has to offer.



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Volunteers Make It Happen!

As you look through the Calendar of Events listed in this Tourism Guide stop for a minute and think about the work that is done behind the scenes to put these events on. Volunteers plan these events, sometimes years in advance, work for hours before the event, during the event and then meet after the event to plan the next one.

We want to thank them for all of the hard work that they do and let them know that they are greatly appreciated! When you enjoy an event in Bureau County please let a volunteer know. They will be easy to find, usually wearing a brightly colored t-shirt, working behind the counter selling food or setting up chairs, picking up trash or selling tickets. A thank you or kind word is usually the only pay they receive.



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Hidden Historical Treasures

There are hidden historical treasures all around our state and our county if one just knows where to look for them. In Bureau County alone there are numerous markers, memorials, and historical places that lie just off the main road, and well worth the time and effort to go find them.

In Dover there is a memorial to a long dead militiaman, Elijah Philips who has the distinction of being the first white man killed in the Black Hawk wars of the 1830's. It's a quiet spot that's commemorated by a stone marker and brass plaque. When the war broke out Philips, along with everyone else in the vicinity, left for the protection of the nearby fort. After two weeks with no fighting Philips, and several others returned home to gather possessions and care for their livestock.

On June 18th as Philips waited on the porch of one of the cabins Indians in hiding fired twice and he died at the age of 21.

In Ohio, Illinois is a memorial to an early pioneer of Bureau County, Dad Joe Smith. Built as a residence along the old Galena trail, the home of Joseph (Dad Joe) Smith soon became a stage stop for weary travelers who yearned for a hot meal and a warm bed to sleep in, not to mention protection from the dangers and perils of early Illinois. It even has the distinction of having hosted a young Abraham Lincoln who stayed at the inn in 1832. Today all that remains is a simple marker covering what used to be the original well for the property.



There is a time capsule from the 1930's in Manlius in the form of the First State Bank. Opened to great fanfare in the early part of the 20th century it fell victim to the Great Depression in the early 30's. Like so many businesses in that era they literally just turned off the lights and locked the doors. When the Manlius Historical Society acquired the building decades later they found all the original furnishings, tellers windows, bank vaults and ledger books in place as if they had never been touched. They are open from May 3rd to November 1st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. You can arrange tours at other times by calling 815-713-0251.



Just outside of Princeton with its famous Red Covered bridge are three markers honoring some of our first families. The first you'll come across was erected in 1936 to honor Enos Matson who came to Bureau County in 1836 and his brother Peter who arrived in 1845. The second marks the location of the Halladay school, the first school west of Bureau Creek which opened in 1836 and was in continuous operation for 100 years. And finally, there's Matson Corners which is the homestead claimed by Enos Matson ten years after he arrived in Illinois. This site is memorialized by a stone obelisk and brass plaque and the land is still owned by the Matson family today.

These are but a few of the many, many treasures that lie hidden just out of sight, waiting for you to discover them when you visit Bureau county. For more stories visit my website www.offthebeatenpathinillinois.blogspot.com By John Purvis



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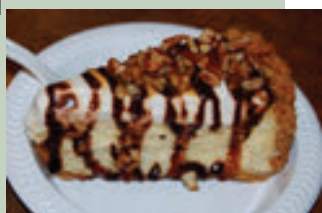
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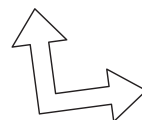


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Sponsored by the Colon Cancer
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June 2, 2018:

Ladd's Village Wide Garage Sales
Sale times set by individual sellers.
Maps available @ Casey's, North
Central Bank, Village Hall, Post Office
and online @ www.villageofladd.com.

July 18-22, 2018

Jonny Yerly Classic @ Kennedy Park
Annual softball tournament sponsored
by the Jonny Yerly Foundation to
promote handicap awareness.

More information on these events can
be found at www.villageofladd.com

July 20-22, 2018:

Ladd Daze
Sponsored by the Ladd Men's Club to
benefit community projects.

July 21, 2018:

Convoy Against Cancer BIG Truck
Show
10:00am – 3:00pm on Main Street
Truck display, food, music, raffles,
etc. to benefit the American Cancer
Society Relay for Life.

October 27, 2018:

Halloween Hustle 5K Walk/Run
9:00am @ Ladd Community
Consolidated School. Sponsored by
the Ladd Education & Enrichment
Foundation to benefit the school.

October 27, 2018:

Halloween Costume Parade & Party
1:00 parade from North Central Bank
to Ladd's Community Center for lunch
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December 8, 2018:

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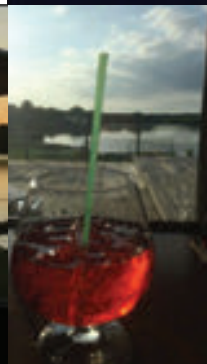
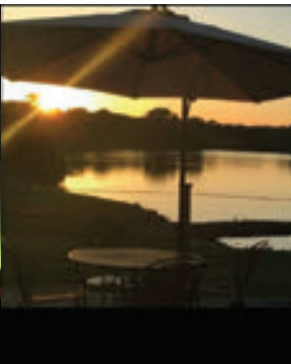
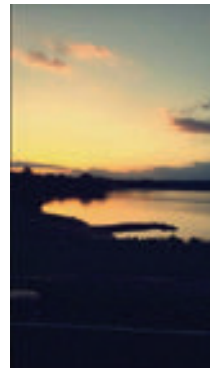
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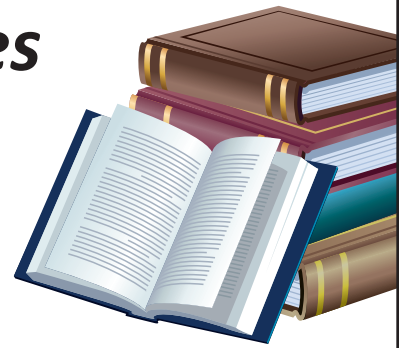
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MARCH

March 2 – 31 Prairie Arts Center,
24 Park Ave. East, Princeton 1:00-
4:00pm (weekends) Gallery: Quilting
Exhibit

March 22 – 10th annual Ladies Night
Out - Thursday, March 22 at 4 PM
- 8 PM. Join us for a fun evening
of shopping, mashed potato bar,
cookie truffles, and lots of fun and
fellowship!

March 24 – 32nd Lori's Walleye Run
5K, 9:00 a.m. at Hall High School in
Spring Valley

March 23 & 24 Masters Walleye
Championship Tournament, (Spring
Valley is the 1st Tournament in the
circuit!) Spring Valley Boat Club,
13862 Illinois 89, Granville, IL 61326.
Illinois River

March 23 - Flags of Freedom committee
second annual "Rockin the Runway"
event at Wise Guys. This event is
held to raise funds to support the
cost of the Flags located at Route 26
and Interstate 80.

March 23 & 24 - The Prairie Arts
Council Community Theater Program
- "All the King's Women", premiering
Friday and Saturday, with a curtain
time of 7:30 p.m. "All the King's
Women" is the story of Elvis Presley
told through the eyes of 17 Women!
Prairie Arts Center, 24 Park Ave. East,
Princeton, IL. 815.875.2787 www.PrairieArts.org

March 24 – Princeton Coffeehouse -
Jonathan Byrd & The Pickup Cowboy,
All performances begin at 7:30 PM,
with doors opening at 7:00 PM.
Located at Open Prairie UCC Church,
25 E. Marion St., Princeton. (815)
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March 24 - Easter Bunny Egg Hunt, 10
a.m. Spring Valley Downtown Mini-
Park, Sponsored by the Spring Valley
Boosters.

March 24 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt,
10:00 a.m. @ Ladd's Community
Center. Sponsored by the Ladd
Recreation Board.

March 24 - SVFD 6th annual Smoker,
6 p.m. at Spring Valley Boat Club.

March 24 & 25 – Sauk Trail Gun
Collectors Gun Show at Bureau
County Fairgrounds, W Peru St,
Princeton. Doors open 8:30 a.m. Buy,
sell or trade guns and related items.
Call 309-689-1934 for info.

March 31 - Princeton Optimists Annual
Easter Egg Hunt, Soldiers and Sailors
Park, Princeton. 10:30 a.m. Ages: all
children 12 and under

March 31 – Bureau County Fair Queens
host an Easter Egg Hunt at Bureau
County Fairgrounds at 1 p.m.

APRIL

April 6 – 29 - Prairie Arts Center, 24
Park Ave. East, Princeton, April 6,
6:00-8:00pm Gallery Reception and
April 6-29 1:00-4:00pm (weekends)
Gallery Exhibit — Adrienne Pike

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April 7 - A '90s Trivia Night fundraiser to benefit special education in Princeton, Bureau Valley and Malden schools, will be held at the Princeton Moose Lodge. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and trivia will start at 6 p.m.

April 7 - Catchable Trout Program: The Hennepin Canal is one of that state parks that participates in the state's "Catchable Trout" program. Several hundred pounds of trout are released into the lagoon outside the visitor's center, which remains netted off for about a month. This program is run twice a year: the 1st Saturday in April and the 3rd Saturday in October.

April 7 – Princeton Rotary Club Auction at the Galleria in Princeton

April 7 - IL River Walleye Classic Fishing Tournament, Spring Valley, Barto Landing

April 8 – Bureau County Fair Flea Market – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 811 W Peru St, Princeton. For info call 815-866-3606

April 9 - On this 153rd anniversary of Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox, the Tiskilwa Historical Society welcomes noted Civil War historian Christina Lea Smith to the Museum on Main. In a program beginning at 7:00 p.m., Christina will use photos, facts, and stories to present the story of "Women During the Civil War." The program will be oriented to an audience of all ages. Check the website for details: www.tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org.

April 13-14 – Sweet Repeat Kids Resale Sale – Bureau County Fairgrounds, 811 W Peru St, Princeton. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

April 14 - Special Needs Prom, A Night to Remember, a prom for special needs high school age and up, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Bureau County Metro Center in Princeton.

April 19 - The Richard A. Mautino Memorial Library in Spring Valley will host juggler and stilt-walker Jason Kollum at 6:00 p.m. in the children's library. The first part of the program Jason performs for the audience, but the last part of the show is where it gives the children a chance to learn how to juggle. The program is supported by a grant from the L-P Kiwanis. 815.663.4741



April 21 - Rumble for the Kids to Benefit PES Plays - Professional Wrestling Event. Doors Open at 4 p.m., Bell Time 5 p.m. at Logan Junior High School, 302 W. Central Avenue, Princeton. Contact Information: Service Master DSI 815-879-4411

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April 21 - Fund Raiser Taco Supper - Carry Out Only, 3 tacos for \$6.00; also sold by the dozen, DePue UCC (Congregational Church), 3rd and Liberty Streets, Depue, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Call Laurie 815-343-3638 after April 1 to reserve your order



April 22 – District 17 AMA Race Bikes and Quads at Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track, 24558 1100 E Street, Walnut, IL 61376. 4 miles south of Normandy on CR1100 East. Track Line: 815-379-9534

April 22 – St Margaret's 6th annual Habit for Health 10k race and 3 mile Fun Run/Walk. 9 a.m. Starts and ends at St Margaret's Health West Pavilion.

April 27-29 - Prairie Arts Center, 24 Park Ave. East, Princeton, April 27-28 7:00 p.m. Theater performance of "Tumbleweeds" & April 28-29 3:00 p.m. show "Tumbleweeds"

April 28 – Jazz Concert by Logan Jr High, Princeton High School, and the Princeton Community Jazz Band at Bureau County Fairgrounds, 811 W Peru St, Princeton. 7 p.m.

April 28 - St. Bede 35th Annual Auction Gala, Abbot Vincent Gymnasium

April 28 – Princeton Coffeehouse - Peter Case performing. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. Located at Open Prairie UCC Church, 25 E. Marion St., Princeton. (815) 878-4805

MAY

May 4 & 5 – Walnut Townwide Garage Sales

May 5 - Taste of Walnut (Community Building)

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Spring Valley. Music, dancers, food & more.

May 12 - Little League Parade, Spring Valley at 11:00 a.m., From St. Paul Street at St. Margaret's Patient Accounts, east to Greenwood Street, west on Erie Street, and finishing at the Little League Baseball Diamond. The opening ceremony will be at noon.

May 14 - Professional musician Phil Passen will bring the cheerful sounds of the hammered dulcimer to the Museum on Main in "From Prairie to Farm to City: Music to Commemorate Our Bicentennial." At 7 p.m. Phil will perform songs that reflect the story of Illinois. Details at: www.tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org.

May 19-20 - IL River Valley Sale Ride & Spring Valley Citywide Garage Sales See Facebook: IL Valley River Sales Ride

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May 19 – Princeton Coffeehouse
- Eliza Gilkyson performing. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. Located at Open Prairie UCC Church, 25 E. Marion St., Princeton. (815) 878-4805

May 20 – Bureau County Fair Flea Market – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 811 W Peru St, Princeton. For info call 815-866-3606

May 20 - St. Bede High School 126th Commencement

May 25 - Lunch in the Park “Kick Off”, Soldiers & Sailors Park, S Main St, Princeton (every Friday throughout the summer months, weather permitting)

May 26 - Princeton Farmers Market “Kick Off” next to the Prouty Building.

May 26 - Classic Car Cruise nite will be held at Culvers in Princeton 5-8 p.m. Free

May 26 - Get Your Rear in Gear 5K Walk/Run, 10:00 a.m. at Ladd’s Community Center. Sponsored by the Colon Cancer Coalition to benefit area programs.

May 27 - (Tentative Date) American Legion Memorial Day Services, 2 p.m. Valley Memorial Park, 13312 IL Hwy. 89, Spring Valley. (Rain out at JFK School) Sponsored by SV VFW Post #3666, SV American Legion Post #182 at Valley Memorial Park

May 28 - U.S. Navy veteran Jennifer Fisher will host Tiskilwa’s annual Memorial Day Ceremony, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the East Park. An honor guard, a noteworthy speaker, and a special display by the Tiskilwa Historical Society will all be part of the program.

JUNE

June 1 – 3 - Friday - Sunday, Princeton Sidewalk Sales

June 2 - Art in the Park, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Local Artists, Live Music, Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Lunch available for purchase. Soldiers & Sailor’s Park, S Main St, Princeton. Contact Information: 815-875-2616

June 2 - 8th Annual Living Works Suicide Walk (Darius Miller Park to Zearing Park in Princeton) on Saturday, at 9 a.m. (registration) 10 a.m. walk until 1. For info call 815-872-5091

June 2 - Ladd’s Village Wide Garage Sales Sale times set by individual sellers. Maps available at Casey’s, North Central Bank, Village Hall, Post Office and online @ www.villageofladd.com

June 3 - Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest (Amateur Radio Hobbyist and Collectors Show) Ham Radio, RC Models, & Computer Flea Market plus a Vendor show for the ladies. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bureau County Fairgrounds, 811 W Peru St., Princeton.

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June 3 - Princeton Community Band Concert will be at 6 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park, S Main St. in Princeton, and admission is Free. The band will be conducted by Ann Lusher. Bring your own lawn chair. Refreshments will be available.

June 8-9-10 - Open House and Hosta Walk at Hornbaker Gardens. This annual 3-day event offers many items with special pricing including a long list of hostas. There will also be Free gardening workshops, refreshments, door prizes, and the gardens will be looking their best! Lunch stand on Friday and Saturday. Free Admission. 22937 1140 N Ave, Princeton.

June 8, 9 & 10 – LaMoille Buffalo Days events include a parade, Buffalo Stampede 5K Run/Walk race, volleyball tourney, kiddie water fights, Paint the town, Buffalo burgers, live music and an outdoor church service. Free egg sandwiches after the beer garden.

June 9 - Art and Strawberry Festival will be in full swing all day on

Saturday on Main Street in Tiskilwa. Once again, strawberries will be for sale on the shaded lawn of Museum on Main. Along with local artists, artisans, musicians and other town organizations, we'll welcome the arrival of summer. Bring the family to enjoy children's games and art projects as well as ice cream, pizza, and special historical exhibits. Check the website for details: www.tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org.

June 9 – 22 - St. Bede Bedan Club Bruin Golf Classic – Spring Creek Golf Course

June 15, 22 & 29 – Spring Valley Municipal Band Concerts, Downtown Mini-Park, 7:30 p.m. Limited seating. Bring your own lawn chair.

June 15 - Summer Solstice, shopping in Princeton

June 15 - Cookout for Buddy Bags at Wyanet Locker.

June 15 & 16 – More on 34 – 100 Miles of Sales – running along Rt. 34 in Bureau County from Neponset to LaMoille. Garage Sales, flea markets and more. Bureau County Fairgrounds Two-day Garage Sale -Friday & Saturday with inside and outside vendors, concessions and restrooms. 811 W Peru St (Rt. 6 & 34) in Princeton. Call 815-866-3606 for info.

June 15 & 16 – LaMoille Lions Club 'MORE ON 34' Garage Sales, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Lions Building, 308 Howard Street, La Moille. Lunch www.bureaucounty-il.com

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Soldiers and Sailors Park, S Main St. in Princeton, and admission is Free. Bring your own lawn chair. Refreshments will be available.

June 16 - Summer Photo Fest at Psycho Silo Saloon, Langley, IL (Intersection of Rt 6 and Rt 40) west of Wyanet. Models, hot rods, motorcycles, cold brews and Dirt Road Rockers at 7 p.m. Plus Rat Rod Custom Car Show and Swap Meet / Flea Market. Miss Psycho Silo Contest,



June 16 - Old Wheels Car show at First Lutheran Church, Princeton. Old cars, tractors, trucks, motorcycles and hot rods too. Train ride for the kids. Free admission. Refreshments available.

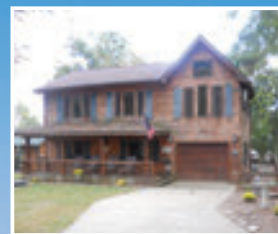
June 16 & 17 - ATV National MX (Quads Only) at Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track, 24558 1100 E Street, Walnut, IL 61376.

June 17 - Princeton Community Band Concert will be at 6 p.m. at

June 20 – October 3 - Farmers Markets in Spring Valley – Watch for new location. Home Grown & Home Made Food & Products. (weather permitting) Wednesdays, 4 - 6 p.m. To participate call: 815.303.4327

June 22 - Down on Main Street Concert. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the Free show right on Main Street in front of the Prouty Building Friday night at 5 p.m. Food and drinks available.

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June 29 & 30 - 2018 Neponset Picnic Day will be held on Saturday. Picnic Day will have a parade, petting zoo, vendors in the park, potluck dinner, and a band in the park pavilion. The pre-Picnic Day event is the Cruise-In, held the evening before (Friday, June 29). The Cruise-In car show will be on Commercial Street with a raffle, DJ and street dance. For more information, contact Barb Safiran at: edbarbs@mchsi, or Neponset Village Clerk Karen Tomsic at 309-594-2201.

June 23-30 Festival 56 performance A Year with Frog and Toad

June 23- Beef & Ag Festival. Cattleman serving food and fried mushrooms all day. Pies in the Park 3 p.m. Tractor Pull - Registration 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pull, Farm Bureau Tractor Drive Approximately 4-4:30 p.m. Barnyard Discoveries! Soldiers and Sailors Park, Princeton. Noon - 9 p.m. Contact Information: Princeton Chamber of Commerce 815-875-2616

June 23 & 24 - Loretta Lynn Youth Regional Motorcross (Bikes Only) at Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track,



24558 1100 E Street, Walnut, IL.

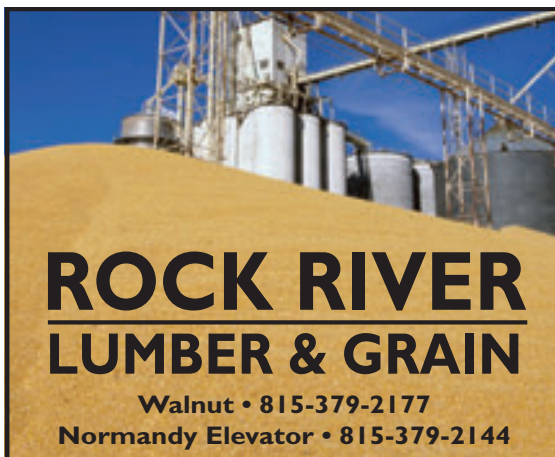
June 23 - Gateway Center Superhero Showdown 5K Run/Walk at Bureau County Fairgrounds.

June 23 - Classic Car Cruise nite will be held at Culvers in Princeton 5-8 p.m. Free

June 29 - Walnut Days Celebration - Friday - Miss Independence Pageant 6pm, Firecracker softball Tournament 6pm, Beer Garden featuring Snap Shot 8 p.m.

June 30 - Fireworks & More at Kirby Park & Hall High School. (This is Spring Valley's Independence Day Celebration!)

June 30 - Walnut Days Celebration, Walnut Rotary Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m., Sarver Memorial Car Show



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7 a.m., ALS 5K 8 a.m., St. Jude's Volleyball Tournament 8 a.m., 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament 9 a.m., Antique Tractor & Farm Machinery Show 9 a.m., Food Vendors and Beer Garden open 11 a.m., Celebration Parade 2 p.m., Firefighter Water Fights 4 p.m., Beer Garden featuring Problem Child 8 p.m.

June 30 - The Walnut 5K for ALS at 8 a.m. For more information contact Julie Von Holten at 815-303-7726 or email walnut5kals@gmail.com.

JULY

July 1 - Walnut Days Celebration – Sunday Walnut Rotary Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m., Firecracker softball Tournament 9 a.m., Food Vendors and Beer Garden open 11 a.m., Church Service 11 a.m., Inflatables water slides and bouncies 1 p.m., Bags Tournament 2 p.m., Duck Races 2 p.m. Fireworks Benefit Auction 7:30 p.m. Fantastic Fireworks show at dusk.

July 1 - Princeton Community Band Concert will be at 6 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park, S Main St. in Princeton, and admission is Free. Bring your own lawn chair. Refreshments will be available.

July 1 – 29 - Free Shakespeare in the Park at Soldiers and Sailors Park. Midsummer Nights Dream (on Sundays and Wednesdays) Festival 56 Main Street, Princeton

July 2 - Down on Main Street Concert.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the Free show right on Main Street in front of the Prouty Building on Tuesday night. Food and drinks available.



July 3-19 Festival 56 performance The MOMologues

July 4 – Fireworks, Zearing Park, Princeton.

July 6-13 Festival 56 performance The Addams Family

July 7 – 2 Annual Tractor Pull in Sheffield in association with Sheffield Pride. Located on the northwest side of town across the railroad tracks past North St and to the left.

July 7 – Bureau County Tourism Garden Walk and Barn Quilt Trail – visit many

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July 8 - The community is invited to a Sunday afternoon of music and picnicking at Tiskilwa's Museum on Main. At 4:00, John Sims will present a fascinating program in beekeeping, which will begin the celebration of the twelfth anniversary of the Tiskilwa Historical Society. A picnic on the west lawn will follow the program. Check the website for specific details: www.tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org.

July 12,13 & 14 – 62nd annual Wyand Summer Festival with carnival, food, parade, games, Queen pageant, beer gardens, craft and vendor show, BBQ contest, antique tractor show, Texas Hold'em, bag contest, kids tractor pull, pancake and sausage breakfast and Free stage entertainment.

July 13 & 20 - Spring Valley Municipal Band Concerts, Downtown Mini-Park, 7:30 p.m. Limited seating. Bring your own lawn chair.

July 14 - Racer-X Vet Series at Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track, 24558 1100 E Street, Walnut, IL 61376.

July 15 - Princeton Community Band Concert will be at 6 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park, S Main St. in Princeton, and admission is Free. Bring your own lawn chair. Refreshments will be available.

July 18-22 - 2018 Jonny Yerly Classic at

Kennedy Park, Ladd, Annual softball tournament sponsored by the Jonny Yerly Foundation to promote handicap awareness.

July 19-21 - Bureau County 4-H Fair will be held at the Bureau County Fairgrounds. Free admission.

July 20 - Down on Main Street Concert. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the Free show Friday night right on Main Street in front of the Prouty Building. Food and drinks available.

July 20-22 - Ladd Daze - Sponsored by the Ladd Men's Club to benefit community projects. Beer garden, food, music and more.

July 20-26 Festival 56 performance Peter and the Starcatcher



July 21 & 22 - 40th Annual Bureau Valley Antique Club Old Fashun Threshun Days at Albrecht Grove, 2 miles S of Ohio and ½ mile west. There you will see antique tractors and farm equipment, wheat threshing demo, petting zoo, rope making demo, a parade, musical entertainment and great food too.

July 21 - Convoy Against Cancer BIG Truck Show - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Main Street. Truck display, food,

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music, raffles, etc. to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.



July 21 - The Z Tour Bike Ride, Zearing Park, Princeton. The 8th annual Z-Tour

Bike Ride is a charity bicycle ride that provides you with a chance to enjoy some of the best roads that north central Illinois has to offer. The five routes we feature incorporate hill, rolling terrain, and beautiful views of Bureau Creek and the Hennepin Canal all with minimal traffic. Early check-in on Friday, July 20 is held inside the Prouty Building in downtown Princeton from 6-8 p.m. The chamber will provide live music. Food and drink at "Down on Main Street" is available that evening. www.z-tour

July 21 - Kids Wet & Wacky Obstacle Course Race, Saturday at Sheffield's Veterans Park. For time and details,

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July 22 - Princeton Community Band Concert will be at 6 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park, S Main St. in Princeton, and admission is Free. Bring your own lawn chair. Refreshments will be available.

July 25 – 29 – Village of DePue US Title Series - PRO Racing Series Boat Races on Lake DePue. The USTS is the premier Professional Racing Outboard (PRO) series in the United States. Racing of Runabout and Hydroplane hulls at speeds up to 130mph! Live bands, food stands, carnival, 5K race, and great championship boat racing all weekend long.

July 27 - Spring Valley Municipal Band Concert, Jazz Night, Downtown Mini-Park, 7:30 p.m. Limited seating. Bring your own lawn chair. Special performance with Dave Peterson & Group

July 28 – 8th Annual DePue Celebration 5K Run/Walk, DePue Fire Station, 400 Railroad St. DePue, IL. 8:00 a.m. USATF Sanctioned Event.

July 28 - Classic Car Cruise nite will be held at Culvers in Princeton 5-8 p.m. Free.

July 29 - Princeton Community Band Concert will be at 6 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park, S Main St. in Princeton, and admission is Free. Bring your own lawn chair. Refreshments will be available.

July 31-Aug. 5 Festival 56 performance The Hunchback of Notre Dame

AUGUST

August 3 – 5 - Friday - Sunday, Sidewalk Sales in Princeton

August 4 – Manlius Fun Day, Parade, food, Historical Society tours, water fights, kid's games, rolle bolle and family activities.



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AUGUST 2-5 – Tiskilwa Pow Wow Days include a 5K race, a children's "Li'l Spurs Rodeo" and Queen Pageant, music and dancing, a parade, beer garden, food stands, church-sponsored lunches, alumni banquet, and many other events. On Saturday, visit the Museum on Main for special exhibits as well as the west lawn for a "Classic Rides" display of vehicles from tractors to cars to buggies to

motorcycles.

August 4 – 8th annual Tiskilwa Pow Wow Days 5K Run / Walk. 8 a.m. at the East Park. Proceeds go to scholarship fund.

August 7 - (TBD) 5th Annual National Night Out, Kirby Park 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Presented by Spring Valley Police and Project Success of Eastern Bureau County. Public Safety Displays, Spring Valley Police, Spring Valley Fire Department, 10/33 Ambulance, LifeFlight Helicopter, Bureau County Sheriff's Department Command Vehicle, St. Margaret's Health



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August 10 - Down on Main Street Concert. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the Free show right on Main Street on Friday night in front of the Prouty Building. Food and drinks available.

August 11 - (Tentative Date) SVFD Music on the Main, Downtown Mini-Park, Food-Beer Garden-50/50. Proceeds benefit the Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Department

August 18 - Spring Valley Historic Association Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle Cruise, Featuring Vehicles from 1993 or older, 100 & 200 Blocks of West St. Paul Street, Registration & Show Noon - 5 p.m. Music by 3D Sound. 50/50 & Food. 815.303.4327



August 22 -26 – 163rd annual Bureau County Fair in Princeton. State fair carnival, livestock and horse shows, Country music show on Thursday night, Tractor & Truck pull, Demolition Derby, Free family stage shows, great food, Free musical entertainment daily in the Hospitality building, church service, commercial exhibits, fine arts displays, and

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August 25 - Classic Car Cruise nite will be held at Culvers in Princeton 5-8 p.m. Free.

SEPTEMBER

September 7 - Down on Main Street Concert. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the free show right on Main Street in front of the Prouty Building. Food and drinks available.

September 7- 9 - Friday - Sunday, 47th Homestead Festival – Huge 3-day festival with a 2 hour long parade on Saturday, pork chop BBQ, wagon rides, Owen Lovejoy Homestead tours, class reunions, jazz worship service, blues concert, arts, crafts and vendor show in front of the court house, 5K run/walk, Beer gardens, Down on Main concert, flea market, pancake breakfast and much more.

September 9 – Homestead Festival Car Show – Main Street, Princeton with over twenty car, truck and motorcycle classes, antiques to street machines and more. Free admission, food available. 50-50 drawing,

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September 9 – Homestead Festival Flea Market – Bureau County Fairgrounds, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 811 W Peru St, Princeton. For info call 815-866-3606

September 10 - The Tiskilwa Public Library will co-sponsor this event with the Tiskilwa Historical Society as Illinois author Tom Emery presents "The History of Illinois" in a one-hour program. Tom will share insights to the events and stories that have defined our state, including the pre-statehood era, railroads, agriculture, inventions, Lincoln and the Civil War, gender and racial advancements, the Haymarket Affair, the Chicago Fire and World's Fair, and the wars

of the 20th century. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. at Tiskilwa's Museum on Main and will be followed by refreshments and social time in the museum galleries. www.tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org.

September 15 - 6th annual Artisan Market at Hornbaker Gardens. Join us in our beautiful country setting for a day filled with 30+ fine artists, wine tasting, delicious home-baked items, live music, hands-on art for children, local food trucks, ice cream, fresh-picked local produce, and more. Free Admission 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 22937 1140 N Ave, Princeton.

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September 15 - 5K Run/Walk for SUID (Sudden Unexpected Infant Death) Awareness in Memory of Aden Lamps. It is held near Hall High School in Spring Valley. Funds raised are used to purchase sleep sacks for newborns at local hospitals and provide safe sleep information. More information can be found at www.safesleepforaden.org or www.facebook.com/adenlampsfoundation.

September 14 & 15 – Walnut Fall Townwide Garage Sales

September 15 - Fall Photo Fest at Psycho Silo Saloon, Langley, IL (Intersection of Rt. 6 and Rt. 40) west of Wyanet. Models, hot rods, motorcycles, cold brews and Dirt Road Rockers at 7 p.m.



fun! Watch for more details and times. Sponsored by Sheffield Pride.

September 22 - Sheffield Harvest Fest will take place on the first day of Autumn in Veterans Park. The family focused event is a fun packed day with children's games, competitions, adult games, live music, great local food, craft beers, a scarecrow contest, story reading, vendors and lots more. Plan for a full day of family

September 22 - D-17 AMA Race (Bikes Only) at Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track, 24558 1100 E Street, Walnut, IL 61376. **September 23** - D-17 AMA Race Bikes Only/Pro-Am at Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track

September 27-30 - St. Bede Homecoming

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September 29 - Classic Car Cruise nite will be held at Culvers in Princeton 5-8 p.m. Free

or 100 mile relay. Learn more at www.HennepinHundred.com. The 50 mile finish line is at Lock 17 near Wyanet.

OCTOBER

October 6 - Fall Fest on Main, downtown Walnut – Live music, food, scarecrow contest, hayrack rides and much more family fun.



October 6 & 7 -The Hennepin Hundred is Illinois' only point-to-point, all-trail ultramarathon, a true Illinois adventure from Sterling, Illinois on the Rock River to Colona, Illinois near the mighty Mississippi, along the historic and beautiful Hennepin Canal. Runners can compete in the 100 mile solo- 50 mile solo- 50k solo

October 5,6,12,13,19,20,26,27

Nightmare on Fairgrounds Road Haunted attraction at Bureau County Fairgrounds. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Haunted barns, hayrack ride, bonfire, Mummies Café with ghoulish delights, Dimension X. www.nightmareonfairgroundsroad.com

October 8 - Bob Morrissey will present his take on the story of Native Americans in Illinois: "At the Center of Everything: The Power of Indigenous Illinois in Early America." 7:00 p.m. in Tiskilwa's Museum on Main, Bob's program will explore a new and different story of the Illinois Indians during the colonial period. Check the website for specific details: www.tiskilwahistoricalociety.org.

October 12 - Witches Night Out, shopping experience in Princeton

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October 13 & 14 - The Shadows of the Blue and Gray Civil War event held at City County Park Princeton Illinois Saturday and Sunday. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. each day with a reenactment battle each day at 2:30 p.m. Military and civilian camps open for public viewing. Medical demonstration after battle. Soldiers, cannon fire, period clothing and food, historical demonstrations and a great learning experience for the whole family.

October 13 - CPASA Family Fun Event (and motorcycle raffle drawing) at Zearing Park in Princeton. Times TBD. For info call 815-872-5091

October 13 - Classic Car Cruise nite will be held at Culvers in Princeton 5-8 p.m. Free

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October 13 - Oktoberfest Down on Main Street Concert. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the Free show right on Main Street in front of the Prouty Building. Food and drinks available.

October 14 - D-17 AMA Race Bikes and Quads - Nick Hoffman memorial race at Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track, 24558 1100 E St., Walnut, IL 61376.

October 20 - Catchable Trout Program at the Hennepin Canal. Several hundred pounds of trout are released into the lagoon outside the Sheffield visitor's center, which remains netted off for about a month. Office: (815) 454-2328

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October 21 - 14th annual Illinois Valley Toy Run at Soldiers and Sailors Park, S Main St, Princeton 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Open to all classic and antique cars and trucks and motorcycles. Entry is 1 new toy for any age, for a boy or girl. \$10 minimum or \$10 cash and we will get toy for you. Food will be served as well as continental breakfast. 40 mile round trip cruise thru countryside will start around 11:15. Call Scott – 815-643-2040.

October 21 - Bureau County Fair Flea Market – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 811 W Peru St, Princeton. For info call 815-866-3606

October 27 - Princeton Optimists Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Contest, Saturday, Soldiers and Sailors Park, Princeton, IL 11:00 a.m. Ages: all children 12 and under

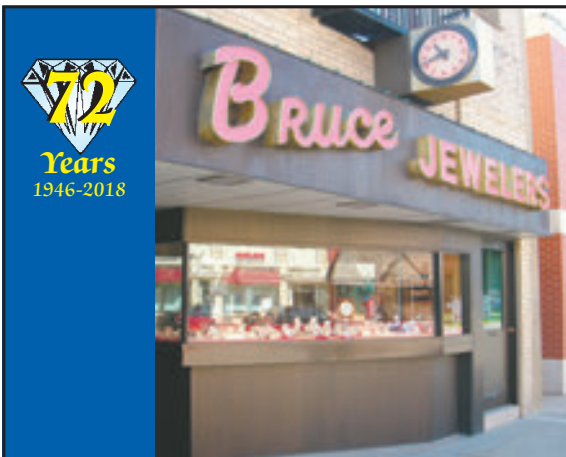
October 27 - Halloween Photos at Amia Boutique, Spring Valley, IL 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$5 each. Lion's Club Halloween Parade, 1 p.m. Downtown Spring Valley. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. St. Margaret's Billing Parking Lot, Participants will parade to Mini-Park

October 27 - Halloween Hustle 5K Walk/Run, 9:00 a.m. @ Ladd Community Consolidated School. Sponsored by the Ladd Education & Enrichment Foundation to benefit the school.



October 27 - Halloween Costume Parade & Party, 1:00 parade from North Central Bank to Ladd's Community Center for lunch and Halloween activities. Sponsored by the Ladd Recreation Board.

October 27 - Scarecrow Festival in Princeton



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October 27 - Princeton Optimists Annual Pumpkin Races, Saturday at 11:30 a.m. South End Business District at Marion St. Princeton, Open to all: families are encouraged to enter

October 27 & 28 - Sauk Trail Gun Collectors Gun Show at Bureau County Fairgrounds, W Peru St, Princeton. Doors open 8:30 a.m. Buy, sell or trade guns and related items. Call 309-689-1934 for info.

October 31 - Trick or Treat in Spring Valley from 5 - 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

November 3 – National Modena Pigeon show at Bureau County Fairgrounds, 811 W Peru St, Princeton

November 10 - Christmas in the Valley. Special sales and holiday family activities in Spring Valley. Vendors Show to benefit Hall twp. Food Pantry, Christmas Tree Silent Auction to benefit “Helping Hands” local charities. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday: At select businesses. 815.664.2753

November 10 – Huge Winter Garage Sale - Bureau County Fairgrounds – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 811 W Peru St, Princeton. For info call 815-866-3606

November 12 - Tiskilwa Historical Society will host its annual “Salute to Veterans” at the Museum on Main. The story of a most unusual veteran will begin at 7:00 p.m. as living

history actor Marlene Rivero presents “Ann Stokes: African American Civil War Nurse.” Stokes is believed to be the first African American woman to serve on board a U.S. military vessel. www.tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org.



November 17 – Northern IL Model Train Fair and Farm Toy Show, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bureau County Fairgrounds, 811 W Peru St, Princeton. For info call 815-866-3606. Model train layouts, farm toys for sale, and new and antique trains.

November 16 – 18 - Friday - Sunday, Annual Christmas Open House in Princeton – shopping, music, treats and more in Princeton’s beautifully decorated stores.

November 18 – Wallneck’s Motorcycle Swap Meet, Bureau County Fairgrounds, 811 W Peru St, Princeton.

November 24 - Walnut’s Christmas Open House

November 24 - Santas On The Run 5K Race or 1K Walk. Benefits the Hall Food Pantry, 10:00 a.m. at JFK School in Spring Valley.

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November 24 - Shop Small Saturday - Shop Spring Valley 1st! Support local businesses and shop for all of your holiday needs. Watch for specials & sales!

November 24 & 25 - Sauk Trail Gun Collectors Gun Show at Bureau County Fairgrounds, W Peru St, Princeton. Doors open 8:30 a.m. Buy, sell or trade guns and related items. Call 309-689-1934 for info.

November 24 - Lighted Santa Parade "Christmas Traditions" Travels through downtown Spring Valley at 6 p.m. Visit with Santa after the parade in the City Hall Community Room.

website for specific details: www.tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org.

December 1 - Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Parade in Princeton

December 1 - Bureau County Fair Christmas Craft and Vendor show and Xmas Flea Market – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 811 W Peru St, Princeton. For info call 815-866-3606

December 8 - Ladd's Christmas Walk & Lighted Snowman Parade, Sponsored by the Ladd Men's Club.

December TBA - Walnut Community Bible Church live nativity scene.

DECEMBER



December 1 - All day Saturday, businesses and non-profit organizations along Main Street will take part in Tiskilwa's old-fashioned Country Christmas. The Tiskilwa Historical Society will participate by hosting a concert, a Lionel train display, and special decorations in the Museum on Main. Check the



Festival 56 15TH SEASON

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June 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30**

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Festival 56 kicks off its 15th season with the Shakespeare in the Park that started it all in 2004. Shakespeare's most popular comedy returns, complete with mischievous fairies, foolish donkeys, the hysterical mechanicals, and a love rectangle that gets more complicated with each passing scene.

July 1, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29*

The MOMologues

This comedy takes off the kid gloves and gets REAL about parenthood in a play that follows four women through the early chapters of motherhood. The moms find solidarity in shared experiences of picky eaters, rogue bodily fluids, and seeing your baby get on that school bus. This play reminds us that no one is alone in this overwhelming, exhausting, and hilarious journey.

July 3, 5, 14, 17, 19

The Addams Family

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July 6, 7, 8, 10, 11*, 12, 13*

Peter and the Starcatcher

This Tony-winning adventure upends the century-old story of how a miserable orphan comes to be the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up —Peter Pan. With marauding pirates and jungle tyrants, this production explores the depths of greed, despair, and the bonds of friendship. Peter and the Starcatcher uses ingenious stagecraft and imagination to bring this tale to life.

July 20, 21, 22, 24, 25*, 26*

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Featuring the acclaimed score to the Disney film, this production transports us to 15th-century Paris where the deformed Quasimodo is sequestered in the Notre Dame bell tower. When the Feast of Fools allows him to escape, he suffers ridicule from an unwelcoming town, but the enchanting Esmeralda recognizes the kind man beneath his exterior. Hunchback challenges us to seek ways to help the outcasts we encounter in our lives.

July 31, August 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5**

Cabarets

June 16, 22, July 6, 20, August 3, 5

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For further information about Festival 56, please call the box office at 815-879-5656, find us online at www.festival56.com, or email us at boxoffice@festival56.com. The theater is located at 316 South Main Street in Princeton. The venue is completely accessible with ample parking nearby.

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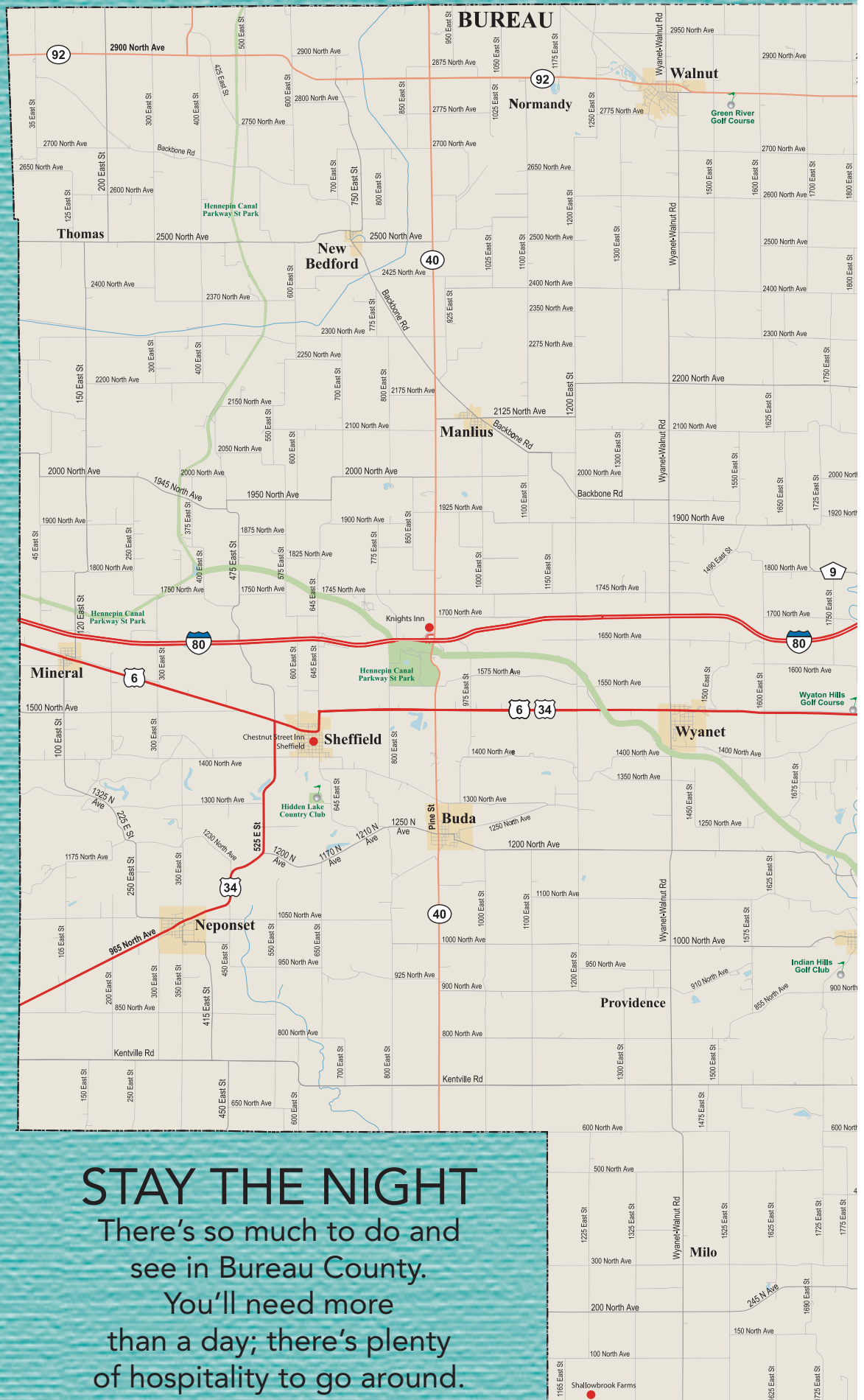
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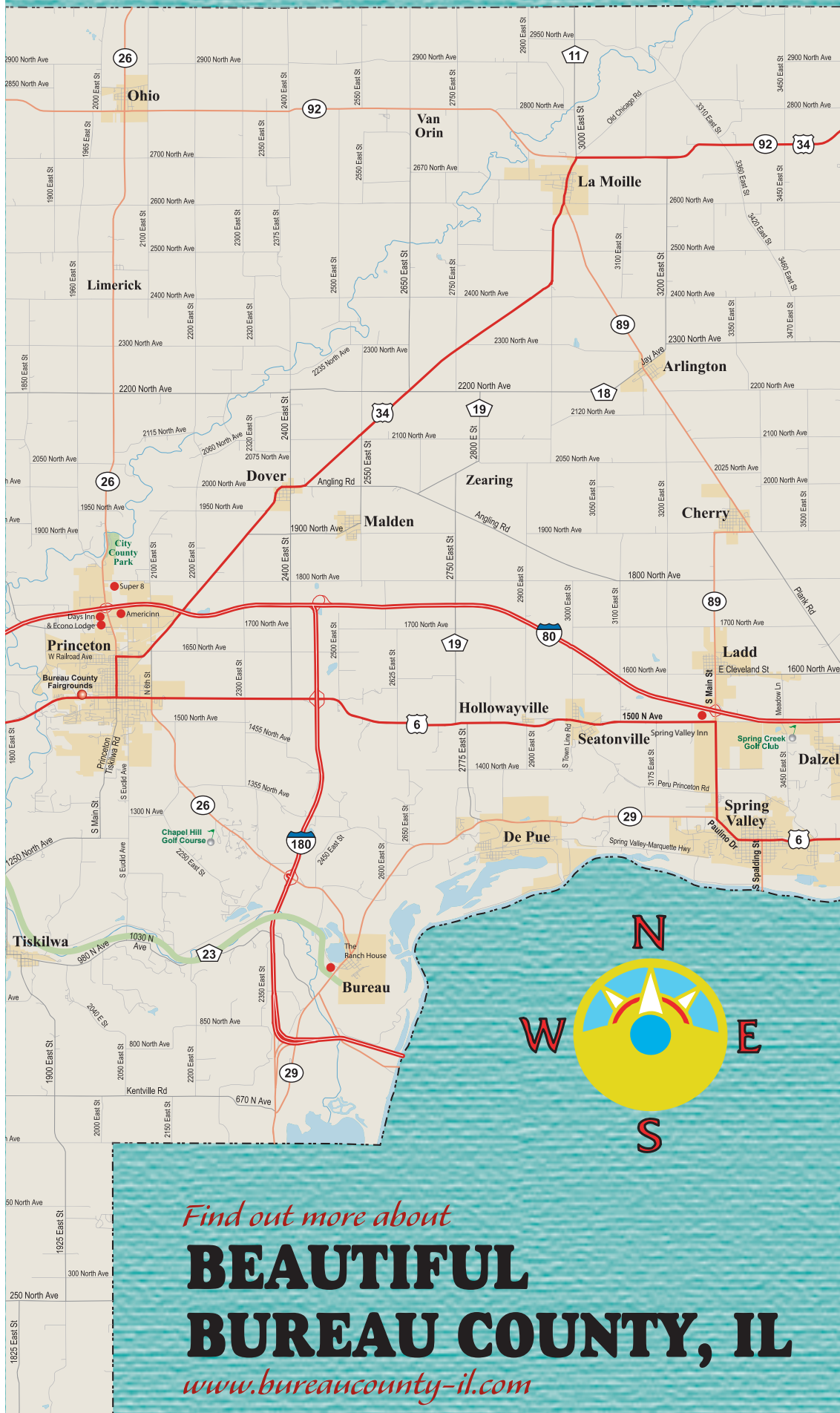
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Barn Quilts of Bureau County

We hope you will get off of the Interstate and take some of the back roads and a little slower trip as you drive across Bureau County.

Did you see that flash of color in that barn yard? Pay close attention to the farms that you are passing. You may see one of the over 100 Barn Quilts that have been placed on farm buildings all over the county. "What's a Barn Quilt?" you wonder. It is a quilt block design painted on a special type of plywood called MDO board. The blocks are usually either 4x4 feet or 8x8 feet.

No fabric is used in the design, it all comes from paint. They are painted with exterior paint and each displays a colorful quilt block, either one chosen from a traditional quilt design or from something personal to that farm owner.

This nation-wide phenomenon was born in 2001 in Adams County, Ohio, when Donna Sue Groves made a promise to her Mother to paint her a quilt block. Her Mother was an accomplished quilter and she thought this would brighten up their colorless, grey barn. This barn quilt that was painted for her Mother has sparked the Barn Quilt movement throughout the United States and Canada. The book *"Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement"* by Suzi Parron with Donna Sue Groves tells the story of one of the fastest-growing grassroots public arts movements.

A small group of women came

together as a group that loves quilts and now the rich tradition of the barn quilts. They started the group, The Barn Quilts



of Bureau County and they started out in 2014 with just five quilts in place. Early in 2015 they already had over 50 quilts on barns and farm buildings all over the county. Now they have 100 hung. The committee's goal is to have barn quilts in all 25 townships in the county. Several of the townships have multiple quilts hanging already. The Quilt Trail was designed to celebrate our rich agricultural heritage, showcase our rural areas and promote agri-tourism, the arts and a sense of community pride in Bureau County. A barn quilt lends a homey feeling to a farm and is just another of the ways our community honors our ag roots.

"How do they pick their design" you may wonder. Some of them are chosen by the name of the quilt design

or by a favorite hobby or tradition. For example “The Ohio Star” hangs on a barn outside of Ohio, IL. One farm has the “Pinwheel” design painted in green and yellow. It shows the colors of the family’s favorite football team and tractor style along with the windmill design too. Family heritage shows on some of the quilts that have a Swedish styled flag or Swedish Dala horse designs. Livestock on the farms show up on some of the quilts with horses, cattle and sheep designs. Some of the quilt names are really unique- “Farmer’s Daughter”; “Corn & Beans”; “Mariners Compass”; “Loyal Daughter”; “Double Wedding Ring”; “Gentleman’s Fancy”; ‘Honey Bee”; “Carpenters Wheel” or “Flying Geese”. Designs are found in quilt books, on quilts handed down through the family and also on Pinterest.

You can see four examples of barn quilt designs on the red building inside the main gate of the Bureau County Fairgrounds, 811 W Peru St, in Princeton. There is a box on the end of the building next to the quilts that contains maps for the quilt trail around Bureau County. You can do a self guided tour of the barn quilts at any time, summer or winter. The map in the guide is for informational purposes; please use the addresses for the best help in locating the farms. Note that the quilts are to be visible from the road. If there is no safe place to pull off the road to view the barn quilt you may pull into their driveways. Please remember to check for traffic as you slow down to view a quilt. We are indebted to our barn hosts for their

hospitality.

Barn quilts on the Bureau County trail are required to be on an agricultural building. You may see other quilts in your travels that are in town or on homes and garages. Painting the designs just takes a ruler, special paint masking tape, multiple colors of exterior paint and a good imagination. The Barn Quilt committee can make arrangements to paint one for your farm building if you don’t feel artistic. For more information call Valerie Jensen at 815-303-4608 or Sandy Carpenter at 779-239-9239 or email them at barnquiltsfbureaucounty@gmail.com or see their Facebook page “Barn Quilts of Bureau County” . Information about the barn quilts and an interactive map can also be found on the Bureau County Tourism web page at www.bureaucounty-il.com

We hope you will slow down and take a few back roads and enjoy the lovely landscapes, farms and villages that make up Bureau County, Illinois and enjoy the Barn Quilt Trail too!



“One man’s junk is another man’s treasure!”
...It’s Time for *More on 34!*



Treasure hunters will enjoy the 13th annual “More on 34 –Miles and Miles of Sales” event on Father’s Day weekend, June 15 & 16, 2018. You can hunt for bargains, treasures and unique items all along US Highway 34 from Galesburg to Aurora. More on 34 is the granddaddy of all yard sales. Shoppers from across the United States

do their treasure hunting along the over 100 miles stretch of Route 34 across five counties. You never know what you will find along the way: yard sales, antique shows, craft shows, flea markets, and farmers markets.

In Bureau County sales will be found in Neponset, Sheffield, Wyanet, Princeton, Dover, and LaMoille. Sales can be found in parking lots, in city parks, and in many yards all along Rt. 34. Sales typically run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but some open earlier or remain open later. A few sellers even begin their sales on Thursday and continue through Sunday. Everything can be found along the route, from antiques or garden produce and plants to unique “junque.” There is something for everyone in the family. Join in the fun by loading up the trunk of your car with your own items and setting up a booth along the route! Just remember to drive safely and use caution when parking along the roadway.

Bureau County Fairgrounds in Princeton will have a two-day sale on Friday and Saturday with doors opening at 8 a.m. Stop there early for great deals on new and used items, antiques, and collectibles. Admission is free. Restrooms and a concession stand are also on the grounds. To sign up to sell at the Fairgrounds call 815-303-2905.



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Be sure to stop at the LaMoille Lions Club for food, restrooms and more shopping fun.

Keep your eyes peeled for signs along the route because you may find that bargain you were looking for around the next turn. Many people start at one end of the route on Friday and try to go about half way that day and finish up the other half of the route on Saturday. On Friday stop in Wyanet and have a pork chop sandwich at the Wyanet Locker fundraiser for the Buddy Bags program which helps prevent childhood hunger. Stay overnight in Princeton and enjoy Friday night's Summer Solstice - a shopping, food and wine tasting event on Main Street.

If the men in your group are getting a little bored on Saturday, stop in Princeton at the Old Wheels Car Show at the First Lutheran Church, 116 N Pleasant Street (one block west of Main St /Rt. 34). The show will have antique cars, trucks, tractors, a train ride for the kids and great food. Free admission too.

Saturday will be a perfect day to stop at Princeton's Farmer's Market on South Main Street next to the movie theater. Browse through the vendor's booths for fresh vegetables, spring flowers, baked goods and more tasty items from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. weather permitting. Then take a few minutes to visit some of the unique shops along Princeton's Main Street. You will find two shopping districts in Princeton separated by about a mile of residential area in between. Many of the More on 34 shoppers return in the following weeks to



walk Main Street and visit and shop in the many unique businesses.

To view a list of the sales posted and to plan your trip down the back roads, visit www.moreon34.com. You can also list your sale on that page. Bureau County has a Facebook page just for local More on 34 info too.

Thrifty shoppers will hit the road with patience, plenty of perseverance, a full tank of gas, and cash in hand to experience the old adage, "One man's junk is another man's treasure!"



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Bureau County Historical Society & Museum

109 Park Ave West, Princeton
815-875-2184

The Bureau County Historical Society operates two museum buildings The Clark-Norris House, and The Newell-Bryant House located on the courthouse square in Princeton. Guided tours offer visitors a chance to explore both homes, which contain artifacts from throughout the County's history. Information in BCHS research library includes: birth/death, wedding, anniversary files, family histories, local history books, and Immke photography archives. Tours March-November. Bureau County Historical Society is open from 12:00-4:00 Tuesday-Saturday. 815-875-2184, bureaucountyhistoricalsociety.com

Bureau County Genealogical Society

629 South Main, Princeton
815-879-3133 or 815-303-7386
bureaucounty@gmail.com

The Society is devoted to the preservation of historical and genealogical records for Bureau County. **Hunting for your family history?** A free library specializing in local genealogical research records consisting of obituaries, burial locations, church histories, marriage records, historical plat maps, county and town historical records, county newspapers on microfilm, family history books, and national and international research sources including Internet searches. Trained volunteers to assist as desired Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Call (815) 879-3133 to arrange for off-



hour visits or ask for further information.

Owen Lovejoy Homestead

Rt. 6 East & Rt. 26
815-875-2616 or 815-879-9151

A Former Station on the Underground Railroad, the Lovejoy Homestead is located at the eastern edge of Princeton, and was the home of the Denham and Lovejoy families for nearly 100 years.

Colton Schoolhouse

The Colton Schoolhouse is located on the property of the Owen Lovejoy Homestead on the east side of Princeton. It was moved to that site in 1970 when the Lovejoy home was restored and opened to the public as a museum. Today, after careful restoration, the schoolhouse features the original wood floors and the teacher's desk from the early 1900's, along with all the other items found in a one-room school.

Mineral Pride Historical Society Museum

115 Main Street, Mineral
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Noon to 4:00 p.m.

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Henry Thomas Museum

North King St., Wyanet
Henry Thomas was the first permanent settler in Bureau County. Born in Virginia; he settled in 1828 in Bureau Township. He was man of many firsts. Among the firsts in Bureau County, Thomas was responsible for the first furrow plowed; his daughter, Mary was the first settler child born; and the first post office was located at his Bureau County Township home. View a wonderful museum of Bureau County Township and Thomas Family memorabilia. By appointment only by calling the Wyanet Village 815-699-2631

Wyanet Historical Society

320 East Second Street, Wyanet
815-699-2559 or 815-699-2459

History of town, schools, genealogy, Obituaries, Veterans WW I & II history, uniforms, Civil War diaries, Hennepin Canal, Railroads and various memorabilia. Open April thru October Friday & Saturday 1-4 p.m., or by appointment. Donations are welcome.

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Neponset Township Historical Society

PO Box 105, Neponset 61345
309-594-2197

The Neponset Historical Society is located on Commercial (Main Street) in the former Bertelsen's Manufacturing Co. building in downtown Neponset just across from the Post Office. Hours are by appointment by calling 309-594-2197 or email mainst5@mchsi.com. Stop in to see genealogical information, WW II history, a farm room, complete with a focus on the Neponset elevator, with an assortment of artifacts, documents and photos.

Manlius Historical Society

815-445-4102 or 815-454-2532

May - November

Thursday & Saturday, 10:00-2:00 or by appointment

The 1915 First State Building was designed by Parker Noble Berry, a Prairie School architect, who was chief designer for Louis H. Sullivan. Building is listed in the National Register of Historic Buildings and Sites in the United States. Along with the bank's old memorabilia inside the building, the historical society has included memorabilia of all things Manlius. The bank is open for the public to see and tour. At other times call for an appointment. www.Manliushistoricalsociety.org

Spring Valley Historical Society

201 West St. Paul 815-664-4288

Open Saturdays 1 - 4 p.m. Or by Appointment 815-830-4303. Closed Jan., Feb. and March. Featuring items related to John Mitchell, Coal Mining, Area Businesses and Schools.

Sheffield Historical Society

325 Washington St., Sheffield
815-454-2850

Historic Danish church built in 1880 and museum with 10 exhibit areas and a research and reference room for local history of ten towns and genealogy. Admission is \$1 per person. Research fees may apply. Hours are Thursday-Saturday 11a.m.-4p.m.



Tiskilwa Historical Society Museum

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110 E. Main St. (former Methodist Church Bldg.)
815-646-4016

Tiskilwa Historical Society - Museum on Main
Our collection includes more than 5,500 artifacts, displayed to preserve and interpret local history. Our museum is housed in an 1855 Illinois Historic Landmark building. Museum Hours Every Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is free, and our volunteers will show you around. For private or group tours, call Ed Waca at 815.646.4016. Handicapped accessible.

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PRINCETON PARK DISTRICT

Princeton Park District maintains over 192 acres of parks and its mission is to maintain and develop a creative, effective and responsive park, recreation, and nature resource system for residents and visitors to enjoy quality leisure opportunities. The Princeton Park District opened a 9 hole Disc Golf Course located at the Bureau County Metro Center and the adjacent Alexander Park in the fall of 2006. The object of the sport is very similar to that of golf, except that flying discs (also known as Frisbees) are used in place of clubs and balls.

Bureau County Metro Center

837 Park Avenue West
815-872-0840

The Metro Center is an impressive 52,000-square-foot complete recreational facility. Featured are a full-sized gymnasium for basketball and volleyball; a 25-yard indoor swimming pool with lap lanes, wading pool and observation balcony; racquetball courts; weight room; locker rooms; sauna; a cardiovascular room; and elevated walking track. For receptions, banquets or meetings, the center has a generous sized multi-purpose area. Call for admission fees. A daily admission includes the use of the: Pool, Sauna/Jacuzzi, Gym, Cardio Room, Track, and Weight Room. Children 7 and under are free when they accompany a paying adult. Resident member ship fees are available on their website. www.princetonparkdistrict.org

Alexander Park and Pool

Anderson St.

Twelve acre Alexander Park has a skate park, six tennis courts which are also used as a multi-sport court, outdoor pool, horseshoe pits, barbecue and picnic areas, shelter, restrooms, playground and sand volleyball and fishing. Pool Admission.

Zearing Park

South Euclid Ave.

A 72-acre park located in the southeast corner of Princeton offers the finest ball and soccer fields, shelters and picnic and barbeque areas. Also available on site is sand volleyball, horseshoe pits, playground and concession stand. Check out the new walking trail and lake. Trails are great for cross country skiing

Joe Meyers Park

2625 East Street, South of Malden
30 Acres of preserved natural woods.

Westside Park

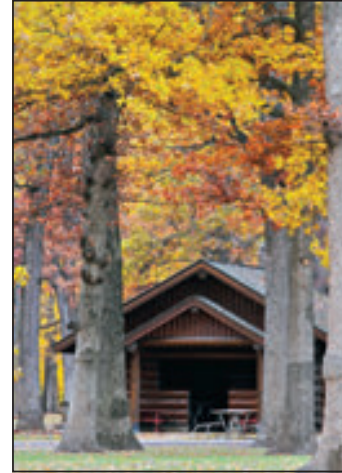
Randolph & Marion St.

3 Acres of ball fields with restrooms and concession stand.

City-County Park

Highway 26 North

City-County Park is a 65-acre shady setting with trails, barbecue areas, log cabin shelter, playground, ball field, and restrooms.



SPRING VALLEY

Residents and visitors can enjoy outdoor sports and recreation at any one of the city's seven parks that include ball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, playground equipment, an outdoor swimming pool and a handicap accessible obstacle course.



Coal Miners' Park

East St. Paul St.

A sensory delight, offering spectacular views over the Illinois River with a variety of trees, fishing ponds, beauty and serenity close to shopping.

Spring Valley Mini Park

This park is the heart of the downtown shopping district and host to many events throughout the year. Every summer, the park comes alive with music during the Friday evening Municipal Band Concerts.

Kirby Park

Devlin and Strong

Three shelters, baseball diamond, playground, tennis courts, horseshoe pits picnic areas and the Coveny-Veterans' Memorial swimming pool.

Illinois River-Barto Landing

West side of Route 89

Barto Landing offers a lagoon for launching from three ramps and is the only calm-water public access to the Illinois River for forty miles of boating, water skiing, fishing enjoyment.

For more than 20 years it has been the first stop on the Cabela's MWC Tournament Schedule, the biggest Walleye competition in the state, drawing



fishermen from all over the United States. ESPN reporters covering the tournament dubbed our stretch of the river the "Sauger Capital of the World". In addition to the MWC several other fishing tournaments are held here annually. The landing also offers excellent boating, fishing and watersports opportunities.

Echo Bluff Park

is located in beautiful and historic Hall Township, off Route 29 between Spring Valley and DePue, Illinois. Private parties available/High Ropes/Zipline by appointment. Trails, paintball, ice skating rink, nine-hole disc golf, high ropes and zip lines are some of the activities you find here. For more information, call (815) 447-2115. Private parties are available. Contact us at echobluffproject@comcast.net www.echobluff.org

WALNUT

Walnut Park District

403 Sunset Ave

815-379-2213

Outdoor swimming pool, ball diamonds, community shelter, playground, tennis courts and restrooms.

LADD

Veteran's Park

South Main and Cleveland Sts.

Located at the south entrance to the village, Veteran's Park has tennis courts, a playground, a large picnic shelter, smaller individual shelters and restrooms. The park is also the site of the World War I Monument, the Veteran's Memorial Monument and a World War II Army tank.

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Chapel Hill Golf Course - 815-879-6531

12927 Illinois Hwy. 26, Princeton

Hidden Lake Country Club - 845-454-2660

12985 645 East St., Sheffield

Spring Creek Golf Course - 815-894-2137

286 Golf Course Rd., Spring Valley

Indian Hills Golf Course - 815-646-4856

9468 1725 East St., Tiskilwa

Green River Country Club - 815-379-2227

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Mendota Golf Course - 815-538-7241

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Kennedy Park

East Locust St.

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BUREAU

Children's Memorial Park

Upper level playground area of Hormel Ponds offers a basketball court, shelter and picnic facilities. Cared for and developed by the Bureau United Men's Society and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Hormel Ponds

The ponds are nestled in a secluded basin surrounded by wooded bluffs, marshland, the Hennepin Canal and a bottomland woods that beavers have flooded. The setting is relaxing and invites one to explore its diversity and offers a pleasant location for family outings. A state fish-stocking program supplements the ponds' natural restocking that results whenever the Illinois River exceeds its banks.

Miller-Anderson Woods

Along Route 29, at the Bureau-Putnam County border, wooded bluffs rise above the broad Illinois River valley to create Miller-Anderson

Woods Nature Preserve. The preserve

protects

old-growth

upland forest,

ravines, valley

forest and a

floating bog. A

narrow, ribbon-

marked, moderately

difficult trail guides one through the woodland

variety which displays endangered plants and

Ohio buckeye in its most northern range. Once

on top and near the bluff's edge, one is treated

to a panoramic view of some of the Illinois

River valley's richest wetlands. Very often seen

riding the air currents are turkey vultures and,

occasionally, bald eagles.



DEPUE

Donnelley/DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area

1001 W. 4th St. 815-447-2353

The Donnelley/DePue State Fish and Wildlife

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MINERAL

McCune Sand Prairie

150 East Street

Rural Mineral offers two truly unique features, an Illinois desert with cacti, and a more than 200 year old oak tree that was already rather large when Native Americans crossed the Illinois prairies on the Sauk Trail. North of Mineral about five miles on county 150 East Street is the McCune Sand Prairie where native Illinois cacti, the prickly pear, grow in abundance. This was once pasture, but due excessive grazing, the soil became especially sandy, making it too well drained and dry for many native Illinois plants. Today, there are more than 200 acres to explore with native grasses, shrubs, trees, and prickly pear cacti. This is not a good place to wear sandals, as some of the prickly pear are rather small and hidden in the grass.

The Witness Tree

County Road 10 and County Road 1300

The Witness Tree is a more than 250-year-old giant burr oak tree at the junction of County Road 10 and County Road 1300 three miles south of Mineral. This large oak tree along the trail was supposedly a meeting place for Chief Shabbona and the Sauk and Fox tribes. Later on, when the railroad was being built south of Mineral, surveyors used this tree as a "witness" or reference point for their line, from which it now gets its name.

SHEFFIELD

Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area

16006-875 E. St. - 815-454-2328

Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area was dedicated in 1991 and covers more than 900 acres. This park offers 15 lakes that have been stocked with a healthy population of fish. Park guests use the lakes for boating (electric boat troll motors only), fishing and canoeing. Other park activities include hiking, hunting, picnicking (bring your own blanket), and wildlife observation.

Hennepin Canal Parkway See page 56



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Welcome

Travis Swink, DO

Board Certified in Family Medicine

In 1992, Dr. Swink earned his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from University of Central Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. He attended medical school at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa, OK and completed his residency program at Great Plains Family Practice in Oklahoma City.

In 2001, Dr. Swink arrived in Illinois and began working for OSF Medical Group in Dwight. He and his family love the small-town feeling and sense of community that came with the move north. In his 16 years of experience as a Family Practice Specialist, Dr. Swink cares for the full scope of family medicine needs and really gets to know his patients.

For an appointment, call
(815) 664-0605

To request an appointment online or to request more information, visit:

aboutsmh.org/medical-staff/name/travis-swink

Dr. Swink is now accepting patients at both St. Margaret's Center for Family Health | 1916 North Main Street, Princeton
Henry Clinic | 528 Edward Street, Henry
To schedule an appointment, please call (815) 664-0605.



"I am looking forward to this opportunity to provide quality family care to the Princeton and Henry areas."

- Travis Swink, DO



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Where is Bureau County?

Where exactly is Bureau County? We are located in North Central Illinois, just about half way between Chicago and the Quad Cities and 50 miles north of Peoria. If you have travelled across Illinois on Interstate 80 you probably passed right through Bureau County. In the summer months you may have noticed the Four Flags of Freedom located right next to the interstate at exit 56. The huge American flags were placed in the four locations next to the Interstate in Sept. 2005. They each weigh 110 pounds and measure 30 x 60 feet. The Flags of Freedom are an excellent invitation to you to come in to our county and enjoy the many unique locations we have to offer.

Go one mile north on Route 26 you will come to a sign for the Red Covered Bridge. Turn left on 1950 East and 1 mile down the road you will find one of the very few remaining historic covered bridges in Illinois that is still used on a daily basis. The Red Covered Bridge spans Bureau Creek where the Galena Trail crossed the river. The Galena Trail was the first state road in Northern Illinois and it connected the city of Peoria on the Illinois River with the lead-mining town of Galena in the northwestern corner of the state. The trail passed straight through Princeton where Main Street is today.

The Red Covered Bridge celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2013. The bridge was built in 1863. It is 149 feet long and is on the National Register of Historic Places. When you drive through the bridge you will find a little picnic area on the other side. There you will have a lovely view of the bridge and you can hear the Big Bureau Creek as it meanders across the county. A sign on the end of the bridge states " Five



dollars fine for driving more than twelve horses, mules or cattle at one time or for leading any beast faster than a walk on or across this bridge". Bridges were built with covers to help preserve the wood frames in the old days. It also helped teams of horses cross the water because the wooden sides kept them from looking down onto the water far below and being spooked. In the winter time snow was actually shoveled onto the bridge so the horse pulled sleighs had a place for their runners.

Bureau County also has one of the newest covered bridges in the state. The Captain Swift Bridge was completed in 2006. It was built using 1800's designs but it also offers two traffic lanes and enough



height for a combine or truck to travel through. The bridge is built of wood, but with a modern twist. A laminated wood, which is stronger than solid timber, was used for the main load-carrying components. Heat detectors in the bridge are linked to the sheriff's department and the wood was sprayed with fire retardant chemicals. To find this bridge, turn west on Backbone Road from Main Street and go

■ Bureau County

about 3 miles to Epperson Road and turn left. Go one mile and take the right fork and the bridge will be around the corner. There is easy access to the Big Bureau Creek here for fishing fun.

Just a little further up Route 26 from the Red Covered Bridge is the City-County Park. There you will find a log cabin where you can have a picnic complete with a fire in the huge stone fireplace. The park has many picnic areas, swings and slides for the kids and lots of open spaces. The annual "Shadows of the Blue and Gray" Civil War reenactment is held here in the fall. As the soldiers come out of the trees and join the battle you can imagine how it looked 150 years ago. The soldiers have their encampments in the shady park. Peek into their tents and you will see the items necessary to life in the 1800's. You can probably find President Lincoln there talking to the people enjoying the event. Come out in the evening and join the dancing to period music. This year's Shadows of the Blue and Gray will be held October 13 & 14, 2018. Come to the park and enjoy watching the living history

unfold in front of you.

You may have entered Bureau County on Amtrak. The train depot in Princeton was built in the early 1900's and has seen millions of travelers cross its doorways over the years. Many people from central Illinois use the Princeton Depot to travel to Chicago or as far as the west coast. Crain's Chicago Business newspaper recently printed a feature story on Princeton residents who use Amtrak to travel to the city to work each day. Many of them came to Princeton as visitors and returned to buy a home and stay as a part of the community. A trip to Princeton from Chicago on the train is a bargain for only \$20. Over 37,000 riders used the Princeton depot in 2016. Riding the train through the countryside allows you to relax and enjoy the scenery without having to battle the traffic and the weather.

We hope that when you come to visit Bureau County you will stay in one of our hotels or bed & breakfasts and spend a weekend here. We have so many unique places to see and fun things to do that one day just won't be enough time.



Places to Stay in Bureau County

Stay the night or for a week!
There is so much to do and see in Bureau County.
There's plenty of hospitality to go around.

Bed & Breakfast

Chestnut Street Inn 301 E Chestnut St, PO Box 25,
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815-454-2419
monikaandjeff@chestnut-inn.com

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Fun Things To Do All Year Long

There are so many fun things to do across Bureau County all year long. We want to salute the many volunteers who work behind the scenes to make all of these events so successful. You will find many events that the whole family will enjoy – from events that may only be a couple of hours long to multiple day events. We are going to highlight a few of them here. Be sure to take a look at our calendar of events on our web page www.bureaucounty-il.com or our Bureau County Tourism Facebook page for week by week updates of events that didn't make this guide. There are fun family events going on weekly here in the heart of Illinois.

One of the first events of the year is the Walleye Fishing Tournament in Spring Valley in March. Fishermen (and women) come from across the nation to compete in the fishing tournament at Barto Landing and to take home the large cash prizes for the largest catch of the elusive Walleye.

If you enjoy the great outdoors there are many different running events planned with the first 5K race during the Walleye tournament in March all the way through the end of November



for the 5K Santa Race. Many of the local communities have 5K Run/Walks planned during their local festivals. You can come out and participate or just cheer the competitors on. The 8th annual Z Tour Bike Ride returns to Princeton's Zearing Park on July 21st. They have several different bike routes across Bureau County from 10 miles up to 100 miles.

Boat racing returns to the Village of DePue on July 25 – 29. The US Title Series - PRO Racing Series Boat Races will be held on Lake DePue. The USTS is the premier Professional Racing Outboard (PRO) series in the United States. Racing of Runabout and Hydroplane hulls at speeds up to 130

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Many of the fairs and festivals have a long history in Bureau County. Dover Day was being held in their town park in the early 1900's. The Bureau County Fair started in 1855 and will celebrate their 163rd anniversary this August. They only took off one year during that time when the fairgrounds was being used for the troops mustering for the Civil War. Princeton's Homestead Festival will celebrate their 47th anniversary this year in September. Pow Wow Days in Tiskilwa began in 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial. We hope that when you come to visit Bureau County that you will plan your visit around one of our local festivals.

Buffalo Days in LaMoille got its start because of a herd of buffalo that were brought to town in the '70's. A festival was started which featured buffalo burgers, a parade. The festival has expanded to a three day event with a parade, Prairie Princess Pageant, craft and vendor shows, a 5K race, beer gardens, music, tug of war and a tractor show. It will be held June 8,9 & 10, 2018.

If you enjoy car shows you can see a show that's a little different than usual



on July 21st in Ladd. The Convoy for Cancer big truck show will spread out all over Ladd's Main Street. Stop out and see the shiny trucks and trailers, farm equipment and more. Buy a 50/50 ticket and help out the fundraiser to combat cancer.

The 38th annual Homestead Festival car show is held on Sunday, Sept. 9th during Princeton's Homestead Festival. Main Street downtown is closed to traffic because there are many beautiful cars, trucks and motorcycles on display on both sides of the street. If you walk the length of Main Street you will find a craft and vendor show in front of the courthouse on the south end and the Rib Cook off at the north end, across from the post office. Grab a pork chop



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Another great place to see beautiful cars, is at the Old Wheels Car Show on June 16th at the First Lutheran Church on Pleasant and Farnham Streets in Princeton. Free admission, live music



and great food by the Church ladies. There will be several Saturday night Car Cruises at Culvers in Princeton throughout the summer. Watch our Facebook page for weekly updates. The village of Neponset has a Cruise In car show on Friday, June 29th too.

Antique lovers will enjoy the Old Fashun Threshun Show presented by the Bureau Valley Antique Club on July 21 & 22nd. They have wheat threshing demonstrations, saw mill demonstrations, rope making instructions, antique tractor pull, live music, kids pedal pull and great food. It's held at Albrecht's Grove, 2 miles S

of Ohio and ½ mile west.

If you enjoy hunting for bargains, take a trip down Route 34 Friday and Saturday during Father's Day weekend in June and check out the sales for "More on 34." There will be garage sales, flea markets, and food stands all along Route 34. Sales will be held in Neponset, Sheffield, Wyanet, Princeton, Dover, Malden and LaMoille. See www.moreon34.com for a list of sales or watch our Facebook page "More on 34 Bureau Co" for a list of sales.

The 4th of July means fireworks and you will be able to see them all over the county – but with the 4th falling in the middle of the week some of the dates for displays have changed. Spring Valley's display will be on June 30th. Walnut's Hometown Celebration massive fireworks display will be on Sunday night, July 1st. They will also have beer gardens, a car show, a 5K race, food stands and a great parade too.

The Bureau County Garden Walk will be on Saturday, July 7th. Gardens will be available throughout the county and as an added treat, the barn quilt tour stops will be available too. There are almost 100 barn quilts hung up around Bureau County. Watch for a glimpse of

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Festival 56, Princeton's famous theater group, presents dramatic plays, musicals and comedies and we can't forget the summer presentation of one of Shakespeare's works too. Performances begin on June 23rd and continue through August 5th.



Two of the biggest events of the year are in August and September. The 163rd annual Bureau County Fair is always a fun event with livestock shows, commercial and fine arts exhibits, great carnival rides direct from the IL State Fair, horse shows, a rodeo, truck and tractor pulls, a community church service and of course the very popular demolition derby on Saturday night. The Fair will be held August 22-26, 2018 with the annual country concert on Thursday, August 23rd. The

47th annual Homestead Festival will be Sept. 7-9th and it features a two-hour long parade, pork chop barbeque, 5k race, a blues concert, beer gardens, craft show, flea market and a huge car show. Both events have so many things going on we can't even mention all of them here so be sure to check out their web pages for updates on activities that they will be having this summer.

If you like to relax and are looking for a quiet place in the country to take your family, the Hennepin Canal Parkway is a great place. Bring your fishing pole and a lawn chair and while away the afternoon as you fish or just enjoy nature. The tow path along the canal is a great place to take a walk or ride a bike. You may scare up a great blue

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Hike the Canal with the Friends of the Canal

Friends of the Canal – Hike the Canal monthly walks along the Hennepin Canal. You need not be a member of the Friends to join in any of the hikes. There is no fee for the hikes. We ask that you dress weather appropriately. For more information, contact Ed Herrmann at: hikes@friends-hennepin-canal.org (email) or 815-664-2403 (home).

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heron as you travel the path along the water. There are several locks along the Canal where you can park and picnic or fish.

The Hennepin Canal tow path will be the route of the Hennepin 100 which is a ultra marathon running race on October 6 & 7th. Runners can participate in a 50 mile run which has a finish line at Lock 17 outside of Walnut or a 100 mile ultra marathon run or a 100 mile relay run. Come out to the Canal banks and cheer the runners on. They are already registered from 19 states and Great Britain. The ultra marathon runners start in Sterling, run throughout the night, turn around in Wyanet, and finish the next day. Last years winners completed the 100 mile

course in just over 15 hours and the 50 mile in 6 hours.

This should give you an idea of the many diverse activities you can find in our little corner of beautiful Illinois. You will find many events throughout Bureau County whenever you come to visit. Be sure to stop and stay overnight so you can attend as many events as possible when you are here. Check our Bureau County Tourism facebook page or our web page www.bureaucounty-il.com for our upcoming events. Some events may have been changed following the printing of this guide. We hope to see you here soon and hope you come back and bring your friends.

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Hennepin Canal Camping

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Directions to the Visitor Center

The Hennepin Canal Parkway basically parallels I-80 in Bureau and Henry counties in west central Illinois. The Parkway's Visitor Center is one mile south of I-80, just west of Route 40. East or westbound travelers on I-80 should take Exit 45, turn right (south) on Route 40. They almost immediately cross the Canal and in about 1 mile is the brown sign directing them to the Parkway Visitors Center. Turn right (west) and proceed to the Center at 16006 875 E. Street, Sheffield IL 61361. Phone 815-454-2328

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Saturday, June 23rd Beef Days Soldier & Sailors Park 	Friday, Sunday November 16-18th Annual Christmas Open House 
Saturday, July 21st Z-Tour Bike Ride Zearing Park 	Saturday, November 24th Small Business Saturday 
Friday, Sunday September 7th-9th 36th Annual Homestead Festival 	Saturday, December 1st Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Parade 

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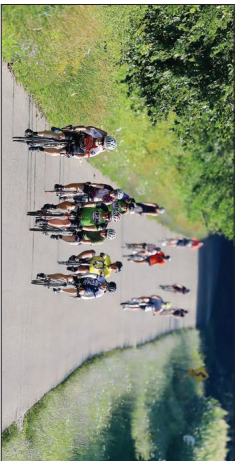
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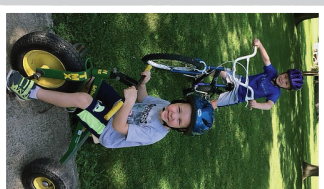
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